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Burl Haar
Executive Secretary
Public Utilities Commission
121 - 7th Pl. E.
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Via US Mail & email

RE: Request for Citizen Advisory Task Force – Minn. R. 4400.1600, Subp. 2
Joint Application for LEGP Site, HVTL and Pipeline Permits
MPUC Docket: 05-94-PPS

Dear Dr. Haar:

Enclosed please find Petition for Citizen Advisory Task Force in the above-entitled matter.

I ask that the Board appoint a Citizen Advisory Task Force, under Minn. R. 4400.1600, Subp. 2. This request is made individually, as an observer of the Florence Township and Chisago task forces, and a more distant observer of the SW Minnesota task force. I am also making this request as attorney for citizens of mncoalgasplant.com (MCGP), an Intervenor in the Mesaba PPA Docket (E6472/M-05/1993).

The staff recommendation for this matter is that a “work group” be appointed, comprised of representatives of local units of government. A local government “work group” is not sufficient because it excludes the public. The public has had very little opportunity to participate in the agency proceedings for this project – the Citizen Advisory Task Force is an important avenue contemplated under statute to provide this opportunity. There is no statutory provision for “work groups.”

Please let me know if you have any questions or require anything further.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure

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Via email only - Service List – Mesaba PPA